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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ichiro KAMIYA, et al.

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GAU: 1764

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EXAMINER:

FOR: DESALINATION METHOD AND DESALINATION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which are cited in the attached International Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of reference(s) AL through AO, AT and AU have been received by the U.S. PCT Receiving Office from the International Bureau as acknowledged in the Notification of Acceptance.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AP (JP 10-047015) on Form 1449:

A combined generation and seawater desalting device which provides high integral heat energy efficiency for generation and fresh water generation. The subject application provides a desalination system which enables use of a low temperature waste heat source and which also enables production of fresh water without any decrease in efficiency for generation.

Reference AN, AV, AW and AX on Form 1449:

A solar energy distillation system is provided, wherein an evaporator is evacuated to desalinate seawater under depressurized conditions to thereby enable desalination of seawater using a low temperature heat source. The subject application provides a desalination system which uses waste heat from a power plant (heat directed to a condenser), and does not use solar energy.

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